

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 756 without my signature.

While I support the efforts to improve reliability and accuracy of eyewitness identifications, this bill goes too far in attempting to address the problems of unreliable eyewitness identifications.

This bill would mandate that the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) consider questionable recommendations from the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice and require all California law enforcement agencies to adopt whichever guidelines DOJ and POST choose.

Law enforcement agencies must have the authority to develop investigative policies and procedures that they can mold to their own unique local conditions and logistical circumstances rather than be restricted to methods created that may make sense from a broad statewide perspective.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger